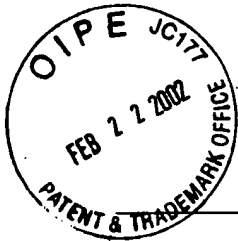


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

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Attached is our check in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p). Please charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 as needed to ensure consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Applications Nos. 09/384,088, 09/384,089, 09/384,442, 09/384,443, 09/384,538, 09/384,541, and 09/384,542, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to these applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination of the above-identified application.

Documents A-E, I, and K-N were cited by the Office in Application No. 09/384,088, filed August 27, 1999.

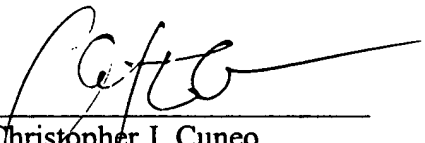
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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